Jute and Handicrafts) during the last five years were as shown below:

Year	Value (in Rs. crores)
1987-88 . . .	924.62
1988-89 . . .	1048.87
1989-90 . . .	1336.51
1990-91 . . .	1590.15
1991-92 . . .	2490.44

Country-wise targets for export of Textiles are not fixed.

(c) State-wise export statistics for Textiles are not maintained.

(d) Government have taken several measures to boost export of textiles and clothing which include full convertibility of Rupee, reduction in import duty for capital goods, allowing import of Capital Goods at Concessional duties for export production, making available international quality raw materials under Advance Licence Scheme, participation in Buyer-Seller Meets and Fairs and exhibitions abroad etc.

Poor performance of UNDEP sponsored Jute Development Projects

2426. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UNDP has expressed displeasure with the pace of progress on all accounts of Rs. 30 crores UNDP programme for the development of jute industry; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by the Government for development of jute industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government have taken sexeral measures for the development of the jute industry including inter-alia, creation of a Jute Modernisation Fund to cater to the modernisation reyuirements of the jute industry, creation of a Special Jute Development Fund to rejuvenate the jute economy, enactment of legislation prescribing the mendatory packaging of specified commodities in jute, extension of fiscal, monetory and marketing support, etc.

Textile College at Nalbari in Assam

2427. SHRI ANDRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the proposed Textile College at Nalbari in Assam; and

(b) whether the classes in the said college have started, if so, the details thereof andn if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY3: (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Convention of Handloom Weavers in Delhi

2428. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has addressed a convention of handloom weavers in New Delhi recently and assured them to look into their difficulties and problems if so, what are the details of points discussed during the seminar; and

(b) whether his Ministry has drawn any action plan for the welfare of handloom weavers?